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AGRICULTURAL FARMS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Central State Agricultural Farms in India the location thereof;

(b) the total income of Central State Agricultural Farm of Rajasthan State during the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons for running in losses of these Central State Agricultural Farms andwhether the Government takes care of these farms from time to time; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the income of these farms and the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): There are 11 Central State Farms under the State Farms Corporation of India.These are located at Suratgarh, Sardargarh, Jetsar in Rajasthan, Hisar in Haryana, Bahriach andReabareli in Uttar Pradesh, Raichur in Karnataka, aralam in Kerala, Kokilabari and Barpeta in Assam and Chengam in Tamil Nadu. Of these, four Farms at Raebareli, Kokilabari, Barpetaand Chengam are proposed for closure.

(b): The three Central State Farms of Rajasthan together earned a gross income of Rs.62.08 crores during the last three years.

(c): The reasons for losses have been
(i) lack of irrigational facilities,
(ii) drought conditions in Rajasthan and
(iii) steep rise in the salary and wages due to regularization of labour. Financial assistance is provided to the State Farms Corporation of India from time to time.

(d): The steps taken to increase the income of these Farms are inter-alia
(i) maximization of cropping area under latest varieties,
(ii) inclusion of high value crops in the cropping programme,
(iii) large scale adoption of Integrated Pest Management practices,
(iv) replacement of old tractors and machinery in a phased manner,
(v) land development like leveling, lining of irrigation channels etc.,
(vi) harvesting of rain water to the maximum extent possible,
(vii) implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme.